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To: Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: ABAG Budget Discussion Update

This is to brief the Regional Planning Committee and provide additional information for a thoughtful discussion of the MTC proposal to transfer the Planning and Research Department from ABAG to MTC. In relation to this proposal, the MTC Commission adopted a six-month only budget for ABAG, ending December 31, 2015, instead of the annual budget expected under the multi-year inter-agency agreement. This item was discussed at the July ABAG Executive Board meeting.

The attached two documents summarize key points under discussion. On July 10, ABAG President, Julie Pierce, provided a memo and related documents that provide context and potential implications of the MTC proposal for discussion at the ABAG Executive Board (Attachment 1) On July 16, 2015, MTC Commission Chair, Dave Cortese, provided a memo that describes his understanding of the problem and potential solution (Attachment 2).

We are working to address concerns at both agencies and strengthen the process of regional collaboration. Staff is analyzing alternative strategies for discussion at our boards.